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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OTRA, OVIP, SA
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SAG MINISTER OF HEALTH

REF: STATE 039638

1. JIDDA SEEKS ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY LONDON IN DELIVERY OF INVITATION ON AN URGENT BASIS FROM HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO TO SAG MINISTER OF HEALTH, HUSSEIN AL-JAZEIRY, WHO CAN BE REACHED THROUGH HEALTH OFFICE OF SAG EMBASSY IN LONDON.

2. TEXT OF INVITATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

HIS EXCELLENCY
HUSSEIN AL-JAZEIRY
MINISTER OF HEALTH
RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA.

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

UPON ASSUMING MY DUTIES AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, I LEARNED THAT FORMER SECRETARY MATHEWS HAD INVITED YOU TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AS HIS GUEST.
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RENEW THAT INVITATION.
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I UNDERSTAND THAT OFFICIALS OF OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA HAVE DISCUSSED WITH YOU A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ENABLE YOU TO VISIT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO LEARN ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO REVISE THIS PROGRAM TO SUIT YOUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS. PLEASE LET ME

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KNOW OF THINGS YOU WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO SEE IN
THE UNITED STATES, AND WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MAKE THE
BEST ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE.

IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT IF YOU, AND TWO OF THREE OF YOUR
COLLEAGUES, COULD VISIT US IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY
APRIL. I HOPE THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. I
LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN WASHINGTON.
SINCERELY,
JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR.
END QUOTE.

3. FYI: SIMILAR INVITATION WAS ISSUED BY FORMER HEW
SECRETARY MATHEWS IN OCTOBER 1976. SAG MINISTER OF
HEALTH WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT AT THAT TIME. HEW SECRETARY
CALIFANO HAS RE-ISSUED INVITATION ON BASIS OF
MINISTER'S STATED PREFERENCE TO DELAY VISIT TO EARLY
SPRING.

4. SINCE MINISTER IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO RIYADH
UNTIL MARCH 13, AND INVITATION CALLS FOR VISIT TO U.S.
IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL, EMBASSY JIDDA WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE LONDON'S ASSISTANCE IN DELIVERY OF INVITATION
IF WE ARE TO MEET HEW DEADLINE FOR VISIT, WITH PREFERRED
REPEAT PREFERRED DATE OF ARRIVAL MARCH 27 IN WASHINGTON.
AN ANSWER FROM MINISTER AS TO ACCEPTANCE OR NON-
ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. FYI SECSTATE: LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO MINISTER'S
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OFFICE ON MARCH 2. MINISTER WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO
RIYADH ON MARCH 6, BUT DELAYED DEPARTURE FROM LONDON
UNTIL MARCH 13.
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